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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2003, Applicant submits the following Amendment and Remarks.

Applicants' Attorney does not believe that any additional extension of time or any additional fees are required for consideration of this paper, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. Should any additional extension of time or additional fees be required for timely consideration of this paper, however, Applicant's Attorney hereby petitions for same and requests that the extension fee and any other fee required for timely consideration be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1448, Reference FOM-118.01.

Further, Applicant's Attorney hereby authorizes the Commissioner to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 06-1448, Reference FOM-118.01.

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